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Peking Wants Another Panama**Puerto Rico Target Of Red Intrigue**

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Peking is now quietly attempting to stir up trouble in Puerto Rico. The Chinese Communist apparatus is intent on provoking another Panama in San Juan.

Their Latin American-Chinese "friendship" apparatus leaders are cocky over

their success in Brazil where even some of the military have worked with them. They now believe they can infiltrate the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, foment trouble and force the police and military into action against Puerto Rican youths and unionists.

Naturally this infiltration must be accomplished by Spanish-speaking agents who could pass unnoticed amongst the people of the island. These infiltrators are being trained in Havana in a joint

Chinese-Cuban school for sabotage.

This long distance operation of the Peking apparatus is being directed by Hu Yu-chih and Chou Erh-fu. They are the vice presidents of the China-Latin American Friendship Assn., which has its main headquarters in the heart of Peking.

But distance means little. The Chinese Communists have units in Mexico City, Veracruz, Rio de Janeiro and, of course, coordinating headquarters on the outskirts of Havana.



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IN THE Caribbean, the Chinese Communists plan to use the technique which has been so seductively successful elsewhere in Latin America — especially Brazil, Chile and Mexico. They are preparing to seek out Puerto Ricans, particularly youths and unionists. Junkets to China have become one of Mao's major weapons against the free nations of Central and South America.

A copy of a letter, fully authenticated, from the Peking organization to Puerto Rican groups was made available to me here by a source specializing in international counter-intelligence operations on the Latin front. The letter is dated Sept. 23, 1963, and is a joint missive from the Chinese Communist youth and university students' federations.

I make this public as an alert to the good people of Puerto Rico and the leaders of the island groups to which the communication was dispatched. There is no evidence of any reply. The document went to the "Puerto Rican University Students' Federation for Independence," the youth section of the "Puerto Rican United Patriotic Action Party," and the "Federation of Puerto Rican Youth for Independence." This effort to snare some of the youth people into replying so the answer could be exploited in the Communist world radio and press is the first move.

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SO THAT the student groups there will be able to recognize the language, if anyone in their midst uses the jargon or starts agitating for creation of committees to go to Peking, I want to quote part of the unusual letter:

"The U.S. imperialists and all the reactionary forces allied with them can never prevent the national liberation movement in Asia, Africa and Latin America from surging irresistibly forward," the letter states.

"... We are confident that with the support of the people of the world; the Puerto Rican people, their youth and students, who have strengthened their unity, and persevered in the struggle, will win final victory. The U.S. imperialists will be driven out of Puerto Rico and elsewhere in Latin America."

The letter is filled with attacks on the U.S. as "criminal" and charges us with "enslaving" the Puerto Rican people.

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THE CHINESE federations urged the Puerto Rican students to campaign for a complete break with the U.S. and for the "dismantling of U.S. military and atomic bases in Puerto Rico." The Communist communication also championed Albizu Campos — a wild type whose nationalist followers attempted to kill Harry Truman in 1950. Four years later, some of his men invaded the House of Representatives and unloosed gunfire from the balcony onto congressmen below.

From other sources I learn the Chinese propagandists are particularly disturbed by the new U.S. radio-radar telescope recently completed in Arecibo in the northwestern portion of the island.

It is a magnificent instrument for searching out the galaxy's secrets. Perhaps because it is at a point on the island in the general direc-

tion of Cuba, the telescope with a reflecting dish 18½ acres in area, annoys the international Communist apparatus.

It is a development of the Cornell University Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Defense Department, the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Its uses are scientific but that will not stop the Communist agitation.

It is with these wild slogans that the Chinese Communists are attempting to infiltrate the legitimate Puerto Rican independence movement. Now the apparatus stands exposed.

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